Delay in clearance of projects by the Ministry of Environment and Forests

*177. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that clearance by the Ministry of Enviornment and Forests for W.R. project consume lot of time on account of lengthy procedures which are required to be followed and collection of a number of unnecessary details; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to simplify the procedure to avoid such delay?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. All projects submitted with complete environmental details and action plans are decided within a maximum period of three months. Delays may occur entirely due to nonsubmission of requisite environmental plans by the project authorities.

Detailed guidelines have been available with the project authorities since 1978 to facilitate collection and submission of environmental data and action plans. Setting up of environmental cells in the development agencies has been recommended so that the enviromnental aspects can be planned right at the project inception stage.

National convention on growth with employment

*178. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had inaugurated a national convention on 'Growth with Employment' on June 28, 199 organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry;

(b) if so, what were the main observations and suggestions made therein for ensuring employment oriented growth; and

(c) what steps have been taken and are being taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(c) Suggestions made in the convention would be kept in view while finalising the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Statement

FICCI had prepared a Background Paper for the National Convention organised by them on 28-6-1990, which contained some observations on growth with employment. The speech of the President, FICCI at the Convention also contained certain suggestions on the subject. The conslusions of the Paper are indicated below:

With the suggeested emphasis on growth as well as employment, there will be distinct improvement in India's socio-economic conditions. For instance, the thrust on development of sectors like irrigation, small scale industries, house construction and services will result in direct employment to 47.1 million persons during he Eighth Plan. The investment in village and small industries and services sector will help build up productive assets which will create job opportunities even beyond.

The employment of 47.1 million persons during the Eighth Plan will require investment of Rs. 2,99,190 crores or 43.8 per cent of total investment of Rs. 6,882.948 crores which has been envisaged in the Paper in order to achieve an annual growth of 7 per cent in GNP. The investment of balance of Rs. 3,83,758 crores in other sectors will al-